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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT [redacted]

TOPIC Information on the KVP AAA Regiment in Altwarp

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] there was no change in the strength, motor vehicle and gun equipment of the KVP AAA unit in Altwarp. Officers of the unit included Captain Petrov (fnu), chief of staff; Lieutenant Eilers (fnu), political officer; Senior Lieutenant Reetsch (fnu), educational officer; and Lieutenant Schmidt (fnu), signal officer. Soldiers of the unit said that the unit was scheduled to be absent from its post from 15 March to 15 April 1954, allegedly for record firing at Zingst. 1

2. From 5 March to 9 March 1954, about 100 soldiers of the AAA unit with 6 x 85-mm AA guns, 5 weapon carriers each mounting one 20-mm AA gun, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance, and 1 field kitchen held practices in the wooded area around Ahlbeck and Josseburuck. 2

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[redacted] 3. [redacted] the KVP unit in Altwarp held four-week training courses for section chiefs. The section chiefs of all AAA units of TV 12 were rotated to these courses. Each course numbered about 40 men. An AAA instruction battalion, which was organized into four companies each equipped with 6 x 37-mm guns and one company equipped with 16 x 12.7-mm guns, was available for training purposes. 3

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. A new KVP AAA range was possibly established on the Baltic Sea coast near Zingst (about 30 km northwest of Stralsund). It is believed that the Soviet AAA range in Wustrow, which is also located on the Baltic Sea coast, served as a prototype for this KVP installation.

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the soldiers participated in exercises involving the mechanized regiments of their division (Tessin). Available information indicates that KVP units have no 20-mm guns. The source was mistaken as to the size of the guns and meant 12.7-[redacted]

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. It is definitely believed that the AAA instruction battalion mentioned in the present report is the AAA Regiment of Mechanized Division Tessin. The regiment presumably also includes two or three batteries equipped with 85-mm AA guns. [redacted] 25X1

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